

Subject: Mayor's Volunteer Corps: Connect Through Volunteering
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Dear Mayor's Volunteer Corps,

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in last month's **Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count**. The count drew the most volunteers in its history — more than 8,000 Angelenos covered 4,000 square miles in three days and nights.

Here are some more ways for you to get involved in your community. I hope you can join us!

Help fight hunger with Food Forward!

[Food Forward](#) fights hunger and reduces waste through more than 170 volunteer events each month across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Food waste accounts for more than 15.5% of waste in California — and you can make a difference by participating in Food Forward's **backyard harvest** and **farmers market** initiatives. All of the fresh fruits and vegetables collected are **donated to hunger relief agencies** and distributed to food insecure people across eight counties. Check out the [volunteer calendar](#) to [sign up](#) for an event near you! **ONGOING OPPORTUNITY**

Help TechFair LA Connect Job Seekers to Opportunities

Volunteer at [TechFair LA](#) — the largest tech job fair in Los Angeles, which brings together top companies that are actively recruiting outstanding talent. I am co-hosting the event with [Comparably](#) CEO Jason Nazar and the [Annenberg Foundation](#) on **March 7 and 8** at the **Magic Box @ The Reef** in Downtown LA. Volunteers will answer questions, direct foot traffic, help with the Hackathon, and assist with event set-up and breakdown. Volunteers are

welcome to attend the TechFair before or after their shift. Sign up to volunteer [here](#). **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 | THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

Volunteer at the Sepulveda Basin Homeless Connect Day

Help your neighbors impacted by homelessness connect to the services they need — through this collaboration between the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, the State of California, and nonprofit agencies. Volunteers will help with event set-up and breakdown, greeting guests, and assisting with registration and coordination of breakfast and lunch. Sign up to volunteer [here](#). **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

Enjoy the LA Marathon Without Breaking a Sweat

Be a part of one of the largest running events in the country by volunteering at the [Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon](#). You'll meet great people and provide much-needed support to thousands of runners. Sign up and get more information [here](#). **SUNDAY, MARCH 18**

Did you know that the Mayor's Office provides opportunities to learn about issues like homelessness through the Civic University program? [Days of Compassion Civic U](#) is a 3-day convening of faith communities - congregants, lay leaders, and clergy - designed to empower advocates who are working to end the homelessness crisis. To learn more or sign up, click [here](#).

If you have ideas about how we can best support volunteerism in Los Angeles, please contact us at mayor.volunteer@lacity.org. We welcome your ideas

and feedback!

Eric Garcetti
Your Mayor

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